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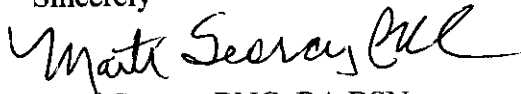
I am writing you to discuss issues surrounding the Yucca mountain site that I feel DOE has either neglected or ignored.

- Doe has refused due process to the citizens of Nevada by not telecasting the meetings from Pahrump and Armagosa Valley. In addition the timeframes for final hearings with the public were not adequately or appropriately advertised.
- I know the DOE has been representing the World trade events as a reason to have all radioactive materials isolated at one location. I find this argument specious if not down right ignorant. I have no reason to believe that the US government can guard numerous transports by truck and rail through 43 states any better than they did the US on 9/11/01. I know the military believes it is able to do so, but if someone is happy to give their life in return for destruction of what they conceive to be an enemy they are difficult to stop and I doubt we have anyone that dedicated in the US.
- I have read extensively about recycling fuel rods as they do in France. I know the DOE has stated that is too expensive-- but 60 billion on top of a million a day for 20 years hasn't been inexpensive. There is good technology for storing low level waste on site and there is more in the pipeline. I am not in favor of nuclear power. Nevada could generate enough power for the Western US just from solar arrays at the Test Site. I find the stance DOE has taken to be old science and unworthy of the amount of funding that has flowed into that hole at Yucca Mt.
- DOE ignored the study done that maintains that tourism will be damaged by the proximity of both the Test Site and Yucca Mt. to LV. Yucca has better name recognition than does the Test Site—but a decent advertising campaign could alleviate that problem. Nevada survives on tourism and corrections. Emergency steps have been taken to alleviate the problems the South has experienced in just 2 weeks. Think what would happen to the economic base of this state if just one of those trucks or trains going through 43 states has an "event".
- I have been at NTS when trucks were coming in with low level waste. They leak. They leak radioactive liquids. I have also seen how low level waste is stored at NTS. Nothing I have seen would lead me to believe that any better care will be taken at Yucca.
- I have stood on top of Yucca and observed the calderas that are 10 or so thousand years old. 10,000 years isn't long in either geological or half-life terms. I also know that US Ecology across the hwy has leaked. I have seen the hydrologist models and I know about downwinders—so I do not feel any information that comes out of any agency affiliated with the issues around testing or storage is to be trusted. I'm a nurse

so I have a bit of a science background and if I know groundwater and geological problems when I see them—almost anyone can.

In closing I would implore you to listen to the people of Nevada. - We don't want the dump! It will not bring any economic value to Nevada—the majority of profit to Nevada has already occurred. States that have routes in them will not be reimbursed by the Feds for the damage to their roads. They do not stand to profit. The only people who have made money are the lobbyists and Robert List. For those states that want nuclear power let them store it—the technology is achievable. Don't force Nevada's to bow down to unjust Federal power. That quite simply is not the American way.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marti Searcy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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